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This I Believe Reflection

Once I chose the topic for my This I Believe essay, I realized that I had easier time putting my ideas on paper than I had on other essays. I think the reason for this is that I liked the structure of the paper, since I chose my topic and was able to reflect on an important lesson in my life. I also wrote the essay much quicker than others in the past because I truly enjoyed what I was writing about. On other essays, I would choose what I would write about, but would then have a difficult time getting the actual writing started. With my This I Believe essay, I could not stop writing once I started, and that felt good simply because I usually have a harder time with that part of the writing process. Being totally prepared to write my essay is something I definitely strive for, and I feel like I accomplished that with this essay.

When I wrote this essay, I learned a lot about my writing since I focused on a personal experience. I am not used to writing many essays about myself, so I was able to truly write what I felt. In my opinion, writing about something somewhat personal also made my writing better. I had to push myself to focus on something I have not written about before, which made my writing fresher. Since I had to write about a personal story and relate it to an important lesson, the essay did not only focus on myself, but also on a lesson other people most likely believe is important as well. I was proud of this essay because I was able to write about something I really believed in, and I think that reflected in my writing. Overall, I developed more as a writer because I pushed myself by writing about a personal topic.